

A

Dialogue or accidental discourse Betwixt Mr. Alderman *Abell*, and *Richard* *Kilvert*, the two maine Projectors for Wine, and also Aldermans *Abels* wife, &c.

Contayning their first manner of their acquaintance, how
they began to contrive the Patent it selfe, how they
obtain'd it, and who drew the patent.

*Also in what state they now stand in, and how they accuse and raile
at each other with invective speeches, &c.*

With the manner and fashion how Projectors and Patentees
have rod a Tilting in a Parliament time, &c.



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twixt Mr. Alderman *Abel*, and Mr. *Richard*
Kilvert, two maine Projectors, &c.

Kilvert. **M** After Alderman *Abell*, as I take it.

Abel. And you *Mr. Richard Kilvert*, or I much
mistake my selfe; good morrow.

Kilv. The like to you: and I hope we may live
to see many good dayes hereafter, and though neyther of us have
need much to complaine of the Time that's past; yet who knowes
but the future may prove better then the former, and that's a thing
which I thinke both you and I, in our owne particulars, most
ayme at. Master Alderman, I have bin a great guest to your
house; I remember you kept then the Ship Taberne behind old
Fish Street.

Abel. I did indeed, honest *Mr. Kilvert*, and I thanke God I got
a good estate there by retailing of wine, and by chance in digging
a vault neere my seller, I found some what which the world shall
never know of, if I had not found some hidden Treasure in that
Cardinals seller, I had never come to weare this gold chaine,
with my thumbs under my girdle: and why are men sparing in
their youth, but to get an estate there by to spend the more freely
in their age? But I pray Master *Kilvert*, what course doe you
now take? or what Calling do you profess? or use?

Kilv. Witho I master Alderman, I do use no Calling, for money
comes into me without Calling or epyther banking for: I tell you I
study the seven liberal Arts, and am well versed in them all, but
especially in Logicke and Arithmetick, I have them ad ungum,
I will tell you, I shall never be ashamed of it, I have now got so
much craft, that I grow cunning. The Theozy and PRACTICK
are both mine owne: nay I am so well instructed in both, that I
dare profess my selfe a Teacher in epyther.

Abel. Why, were you ever of any Univeristy?

Kilv. What tell you me of an Univeristy? There are compa-
ny of poore Schollers, and suffer Ballads to be made of them, a-
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las, the height of their ambition is to be become some Schole-ma-
ster, or else some Master in a Schoole to teach children to write.
I professe my selfe to be of the Vniuersity, that's the World: and
a Discipline that the Academy was neuer acquainted with all.

Abel. As how master Kilvert? I ever preferd the one Art of
getting and keeping, above all the seauen liberall Sciences, for
though prodigality be sooner cabeat then parsimony, yet it is no
way so profitable in my opinion: give me that Learning, which
lines the bag, and that Rhetoricke that makes a rattling pocket.

Kilv. Sir, (and I speake in your eares while you haue them)
no matter by what indirect meanes the purchase comes, so wee may
compassse the possession, that they say, is eleuen points in Law:
what care I who the Plaintiffe be, so I the Defendant can main-
taine the suite with his mony: These are the rules that guide me,
and the principles in those Arts I professe. I am waited upon thre
or foure houres in a morning before I rise by diuers Gentlemen to
solicite their businesse; and will not mooue a foote unlesse I haue
thre or foure weighty peeces giuen me for a fee, Judge and Justice
like, for I had euer an itching palme, my Clients euer feed mee
largly, those peeces made me speake Louder in the Iustices eares,
for I knew I should not be Justice long.

Abel. I should be glad to be your Scholler, and make no doubt
but in smal time to prooue a good proficient: But I pray master
Kilvert what use make you of your Logicke?

Kilv. He tell you master Alderman: By Logicke I can wangle
with Truth, intangle Truth, make a bad cause good, or a good
cause bad: nay more, I can prooue Chalke to be Cheese.

Abel. As how, I pray you?

Kilv. As thus, that which is white is Cheese, now Chalke is
white as Cheese is white: Ergo Chalke is Cheese.

Abel. But was euer any so mad as to take Chalke for Cheese?

Kilv. O yes, I my selfe before I came to serue my first master,
habe come into an Ale-house and cald for Cheese to my break-fast,
and having then no money to pay for't, my Hostesse hath bin farr to
scowle it up, and so she hath tooke Chalke for Cheese.

Abel. You are pleasant Mr. Kilvert, but now go be more serious.

Kilv. When thus, in stead of a Procurator, I am turn'd Pro-
moter, and pry into the Lawes both Ciuill and Common, where
no Delinquency of any note can scape me: and whether the person
that is questioned be a Perccant or no, if I be not pleas'd, he can-

not scape thence unpunisht, and by that meanes I have pickt many a simple Clients pocket: and in the Arches from being a Seruant, I am now become an Arch-Solicitor, and by that meanes have admittance into all the Courts of Iustice, where I have subordinate Intelligencers, which I allow a groat a day throughout the yeare, that skrew themselves into other mens causes, and afford me materials sufficient to worke upon: now, when I have cast in my conceits to picke an hole in another mans Coate, or to find the least flaw by which I may overthrow him or his fortunes, then is my Spirit animated, my petitionion is employed to purpose, for my braine upon such an occasion is in the most able agitation: The very name of Kilvert makes men compound with my Client, if they do but heare that I have a finger in it, or relish the Cause.

Abel. 'Tis true, you have told me the matter, but not the meanes you worke by.

Kilv. To that I was coming, (had you not interrupted mee:) Then do I find out some one Judge that hath bought his place at a deare rate, and he is easily corrupted, for as I have heard some of them say, (who died with a fest in his mouth) that if they buy deare, they must sell deare: For I alwayes carry an Elixir about me, by which (if not quite satuate) yet I can effascinate his senses.

Abel. As how I pray you Sir?

Kilv. As thus, I can whisper such a charme in his eare, as shall make him deafe, save only to my eares: cast such a filme over his eyes, as shall make him blind, to my benefit: Lay such a tye upon his tongue, as to temper it to fit mine owne turne. The like power it hath over his Smell, Touch, and Taste; but folly it were in me to take away his feeling, for that is the principall verbe, the pinnax mobile, the wayne wheele which mooves the rest of the wheeles.

Abel. And how?

Kilv. O, that by no meanes; for I must worke upon that Subiect, only to soole the other foure senses, for if a cause (be such) be not before felt, it will very difficultly after, be eyther heard or understood, and though opened as it ought to be, yet will not indge as it should be: and you know master Alderman an Ass laden with Gold may have admittance into the strongest Arcenal.

Abel. Master Kilvert, you are very witty, but proceede, I pray.

Kilv. First, you must put that into his hand, which may comfort his heart, or lay that under his cushion, which shall never trouble his Conscience: you know my mind. Justice was wont (when
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her statue was to be figured) to be cut out of the whole stone, but in these dayes it must be made up from peeces. The Spectacles they looke through are not made of glasse, but gold: and that you know is very soverain for the sight: and they can see better with golden eyes then through the other little and more transparent mettles: did you never heare Bribos declin'd after the first Comination? Abel. Never. Kilv. I ept her read it in a Pamphlet or heard it in a Play) and as I can best remember my selfe, it was thus: Bribos, Bribos-asle (master Abel) Bribos-bravely, Bribos-and-I, Bribos-and-do, Bribos-and-Dumbe, Bribos-ba-tum, Bribos-ba-tu, Bribans, Bribos-at-your-house; I understand me sir.

Abel. Yes, very well, I was once a Grammar Scholler my selfe.

Kilv. When but observe this course (I have it by mine owne knowledge) your cause howsoever corrupt shall go on as currant and your selfe appeare to be as innocuous: as a Martin mounted in the ayre, a Ducke dabbling in the Water, or an innocent Lambe of thre score yeares and upwards.

Abel. I am much taken with your Discourse Mr. Kilvert, and I know you to be a most politicke Projector, money is the matter we aime at, and profit the thing that we only pursue: We know what may be done. Now me thinks it fits that we are upon some Project to be done, and presently to have it put in practise: Those Patents for Caske and Tobacco, and for Cards and Dice, with divers others, have already past the Seale, but what new reach have you now by which to enrich us?

Kilv. Give me leave a little to recollect my selfe, hum, hum, — let me see, Mercers, Goldsmith, Drapers, Grocers, you are a Vintner, Mr. Alderman, what thinke you of a Monopoly or Patent for Wines, and for dressing of meat.

Abel. I doe approve of the project exceedingly. But first tell me one thing Master Kilvert, are you a free-man of our City?

Kilv. No indeed sir, but for some reasons best referred to my self, I would I were.

Abel. Let me alone to procure that.

Kilv. And then let me alone to extract money out of your City mines, and draw it into our owne purses.

Abel. And that's profitable provision: but Master Kilvert in some things I would intreat you to take my vice (this cough doth so trouble me) my advise I should have sayd. Buy then your Freedome in the City, a small quantity of copie shall compasse it, and in it you shall have my best favour and surerance. When you have choyce to be of what Company you most fancy: Which I could wish to be of the Vintners: of of which Society I am none of the meanest members. That done, I will bring you in to be one of our Liberty, and in a short time to be made one of the Assistance: onely you must be stowne to secrecy, and not to disclose any mystery belonging to our Trade, that may be talkt on at the Table. Kilv. To all these I shall subscribe unto freely. But what thinke you of my former motion, concerning the patent for Wine.

Abel. Indeed you now come close to me, and talke with me in mine owne element.

Kilv. I know you Mr. Alderman to be a man every way Abel, forne but your purse with my policy, and if I procure you not a Patent, thinke me to be a meere paltry fellow, and not worth the name of a Protector: I am none of those fellows which were borne in a Dul-age, nor do I dwell at Dul-age; I am accounted wiser then ever my father was.

Abel. When may Master Kilvert acquaint me freely with the protest upon which we may ground the denying of this Patent.

Kilv. Worry thus we must first pretend both in the Merchant and Wintner some grosse abuses, and these no meane ones neyther: so; the reforming and rectifying of which, we are Petitioners for this Patent. And that the Merchants shall pay to the King forty shillings upon every Tun ere hee shall vent it to the Wintner: in lieu of which, that the Wintner may be no looser, he shall raise the price also of his Wines, upon all French Wines a peny in the quart, upon all Spanish Wines two pence the quart: it is no matter how the Subject suffer, so we get and gaine by it: Now to cover this our Craft (I will not say Counage) because all things of the like nature carry a pretence for the Kings profit: so we will allow him a competent proportion of forty thousand pound per annum. When the power of the Patent being punctually executed, will yeild double at least, if not treble that summe, and returne it into the Co-fers of the undertakers.

Abel. Let me hugge thee my Kilvert; But who do you thinke to be the fittest man to draw this Patent to the purpose for fear of over-sight or mistake?

Kilv. Who but Mr. Low that lives in Great S. Bartholmews, one mightily cried up for his Chamber Counsell: Let him but have a sound feeling in the Act, and then fortune for the French, and fies for the Spaniard.

Abel. My delicate and dainty Kilvert, thou shalt ever hereafter be in my Booke: and no sooner shall this Patent be sign'd and seal'd, but for thy pains and advice, thou shalt have seven hundred pound in hand, and two hundred peeces per annum during the date of this Patent.

Kilv. Most sweet and well sounding Abel, every way able both in promise and performance: if I sayle in the prosecuting of this Patent, may I yettish, and suffer hereafter some exemplary punishment.

Abel. But in all this, we never exempt o' a Parliament.

Kilv. Tush, feare not that, we must have some great men to have a feeling in the cause; and by that meanes backe us: but you see the Araine roares contrary: but say one were cald, I am a man Parliament proofe, and no Moun-parlons.

Abel. But thinke you the Commons will not mutter and repine at this?

Kilv.

Kilv. Let the monster multitude murmur, what need we to care? being possesse of the Cash: Foxes and Crows fare best, when they be curst: and so I hope shall we: for when we shall sit in Commission, and have our References, Adversers, Sharers, Conplotters and Contractors about us, with full power and authority to countenance them, whom need we fear, or be afraid of.

Abel. Mr. Kilvert, I honor thee before all the Feasts in our Hall, nay we are free Vintners, and brothers of the Quill, and are for the most part true Troians, and know where to find the best: But of Wine in the Seller, and will pierce them for thee, it shall be pure Wine from the Grape, not mixt & compounded, but reall and bisk: you thinke there is no Biewers but such as biew Ale and Beere, I tel you we do biew and cunger in our Sellers, as much as any Biewer of them all, yea and without fire too, but so much so that. We thinke I see my selfe in Cheap: sive upon an Horse richly caparison'd, and my two Whiebes to attend me: and me thinke thee in thy Caroch drawn by foure hoeses, and shall call to thee, and say friend Kilvert, give me thine hand, &c.

Kilv. To which I shall answer, God blese your Honour my good Lord Maioz, &c.

This and the like discourse at meeting, and complement at parting, past betwixt them. What effect their Project took, is known to all, and with what power (without pittie) they executed the force of their Patent, what charge & trouble divers of the best Vintners about the Town were put too both by fines and commitments. The misery they suffered by the Medium Wines and the like: But now (God be prayd) the Tyde is turn'd: And since that Edict concerning the price of wines was published in print, bearing date, the twenty sixt day of May last past: wherein the afor. sayd Alderman Abel, and Richard Kilvert were by name brought within the compasse of exemplary punishment, for which act of theirs, as they made their poore brother Vintners purples and hearts ake, so now I feare this newes will make their heads ake, if not their neckes crack.

Since which time they had an other accidentall interview, at which some language, but differing in phrase from the former, past betwixt them to this purpose. Now imagine they are met, and their first salutation was by M. Abel.

Abel. Kilvert, Thou art a Knabe. I say Sirrah thou art a cunning Knabe.

Kilv. Setting your Whorship aside, you are but a plain Patentee, and all such are call'd by a Word that begins with the first letter of my name.

Mrs. Abel. Sirrah rascal, I say so as my husbands says you are a Knabe, and a whoze-master Knabe, and a very sly crafty Bnaue.

Kilv. And I tell you Mrs. Abel, your husband hath made mee a brother of his Company; and you Mr. Abel, promisest when you met in Cheap sive, to take me by the hand.

Abel. Of all men living I am bound to curse thee.

Kilv. I confesse you to be A-bel, but you cannot curse me in the true kinde, without a Book and a candle.

Kilv.

Abel. I hope to see thee hang'd.
in time till it be so.

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